

## 2008 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

The 2008 real estate taxes are due to the Village of Waterford Treasurer by **January 31, 2009**. Payments can be made in two installments; at least the first installment must be paid to the **Village of Waterford Treasurer** on or before **Saturday, January 31, 2009**. (Payments made in person or postmarked February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 will be considered timely payments.) The second installment is due to the **Racine County Treasurer** by **July 31, 2009**. It is very important to use the stubs at the bottom of your bill when paying each installment. **Checks for the 1<sup>st</sup> installment should be made payable to the Village of Waterford Treasurer.**

The first or full installment can be made by mail or in person at the Clerk/Treasurer's office located in the Village Hall at 123 N. River Street (next to the Public Library).

### Office Hours

**Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Closed for the Holidays on December 24, 25, & January 1, 2009**

**Special Hours Wednesday, December 31 – 8 a.m. to Noon**

1. **MAIL:** To save time waiting in line, send payments to Village Treasurer, 123 N. River St., Waterford, WI 53185. All tax payments postmarked **on or before December 31** will be recorded as being paid in **2008**, any payments postmarked **January 1 or after** will be recorded as being paid in **2009**. Please include remittance tax stubs with all payments. **Receipts will only be mailed if a self-addressed postage paid envelope is included with payment.**
2. **TAX BILL PAYMENT DEPOSITORY:** Located on the left side of the Village Hall main entrance at 123 N. River Street. This depository will be available all hours and weekends and will be checked during office hours. **Tax payments received in the depository box up to 5:00 p.m. on December 31 will be recorded as being paid in 2008.** Please include remittance tax stubs with all payments. **PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH. Tax payments received in the depository box after February 2, 2009 will be considered delinquent and forwarded to the Racine County Treasurer for processing.**
3. **IN PERSON:** Payments made in person at the Clerk/Treasurer's office **on or before December 31** will be recorded as received in **2008**. Payments made in person **January 2<sup>nd</sup> or after** will be accepted as paid in **2009**.
4. **PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK OVER THE TELEPHONE OR INTERNET:** To pay your taxes by credit card or electronic check, call the toll-free number, 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829), or visit our website at [WWW.VI.WATERFORD.WI.GOV](http://WWW.VI.WATERFORD.WI.GOV) for the link to Official Payments Corporation. Official Payments Corporation, the credit card service provider, charges a 2.75% convenience fee on the amount of the transaction. *To use this service you will be required to enter the jurisdiction code 6724, your fifteen-digit real estate/personal property parcel number (found on the front of the tax bill) as well as your credit card information.*  
**Internet or phone payments will not be allowed after January 31, 2009. Credit or debit card payments cannot be accepted in person.**

**LOTTERY CREDIT FOR 2008 - \$96.26:** If you believe that your parcel qualifies and the credit is not on the tax bill, let us know before we process your payment. Adjustments to the tax bill can be made at the time of payment.

**FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT FOR 2008 - \$41.71:** *New for 2008!* – Any taxable parcel qualifies for the First Dollar Credit provided that parcel contains a real property improvement. This includes business, commercial and private property. Unlike the Lottery Credit, the property does not need to be the primary residence of the owner. Personal property does not qualify for the credit. You do not need to apply for the credit; it will automatically be included on your tax bill.

**ESCROW CHECKS:** Escrow checks can only be applied towards a tax bill. The Treasurer or any other Village Official does not have the authority to sign over a check for any reason.



**REFUNDS:** We are unable to issue any instant refunds. Any escrow checks over the amount of the taxes will be accepted, but a refund will require 10 working days to process and the check for tax payment must clear before a refund will be mailed. Refunds will be sent to the property owner of record.



**2009 CAT & DOG LICENSES:** Licenses are renewed every year. Current proof of rabies immunization is required even if your pet had a license the prior year. **The fees for the 2009 licenses have increased to \$10.00 for altered animals and \$15.00 for unaltered.** A special permit is required for a third cat or dog. There is a \$25 application fee plus license fees. Pet license payments must be a separate check from the tax payment. There is a late fee of \$5.00 for any licenses purchased after March 31, 2009. If it wags, it needs a tag!



**RECYCLING & GARBAGE:** Recycling Bins and Calendars are available at the Village Hall. There is a \$6.00 charge for each additional bin. Waste Management is the Village garbage contractor and customer service can be reached at 1-800-640-5571.



**BUILDING PERMITS:** Building permits are required for the following: *New construction, additions/structural alterations or existing building remodeling. Altering room size, converting attached garage to living area, enclosed screen porch, gazebo, screen house, deck, fences, swimming pools, residing, re-roofing, fences, increasing window size, new windows, heating units, air conditioning (other than window units), garages, storage sheds (temporary or permanent), ground based satellite receivers and moving or razing a building.*

No work shall commence which requires a permit, until and unless said permit is issued. Failure to obtain a permit will result in double permit fees and/or fines. Permits are also required for Electrical and Plumbing work. If you are unsure if you need a permit, contact the Building Inspector.

#### **Building Inspection Office Hours**

Monday & Friday 8:00-9:30a.m. and Wednesday 12:30-2:00p.m.

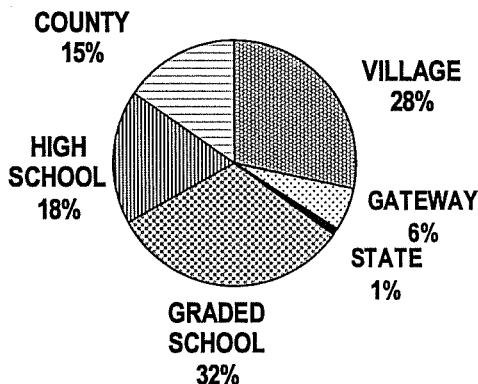
Building & Plumbing Inspector: David Zamaite 534-7911

Electrical Inspector: Donn Gauger 534-3981

#### **Construction site requirements per the Village of Waterford Administrative Code**

In every instance where a building permit is issued for new construction, improvement, remodeling, reconstruction, addition, or partition, of an existing structure in the Village of Waterford, the owner and the building permit applicant shall be jointly responsible for the placement on the site of a rear load refuse bin (dumpster), of a sufficient size to handle the refuse generated, if, in the determination of the Building Inspector, a dumpster is required based upon the nature and extent of the work to be accomplished.

## **Village of Waterford 2008 Distribution of Tax Dollars**



### **Mill Rate Per Taxing Jurisdiction (Per Thousand Dollars Assessed)**

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Graded School</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>(Less) State School Credit</b>	<b>Total Mill Rate</b>
<b>2004</b>	\$ .20	\$5.37	\$6.71	\$5.78	\$3.47	\$1.41	(\$1.35)	\$21.59
<b>2005</b>	\$ .21	\$5.65	\$6.57	\$5.83	\$3.54	\$1.49	(\$1.26)	\$22.03
<b>2006</b>	\$ .21	\$3.96	\$6.98	\$8.03	\$4.35	\$1.47	(\$1.57)	\$23.43
<b>2007</b>	\$ .21	\$4.06	\$7.24	\$8.27	\$4.62	\$1.48	(\$1.82)	\$24.06
<b>2008</b>	\$ .21	\$4.02	\$7.42	\$8.40	\$4.62	\$1.49	(\$2.14)	\$24.02

Rate is rounded to nearest \$.01